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The Board of Education shall provide a program of vocational education to prepare pupils for gainful entry-level employment in recognized occupations and in new or emerging occupations, to prepare pupils for enrollment in advanced or highly skilled vocational and technical education programs, and to assist pupils in making informed and meaningful occupational choices.

The Board will support a program of vocational education that includes the following:

1. Vocational courses of study as part of the regular curriculum of the school.
2. The enrollment of pupils in a full time program of vocational education outside this district, provided that such program is not offered in this district and provided that such enrollment has been approved by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil.
3. A cooperative vocational education program to offer pupils experience in private employment.

In order to maintain the district program of vocational education the Board shall approve the content and organization of all vocational courses of study, employ and supervise all vocational education staff, provide adequate facilities for the maintenance of the program, approve the assignment of pupils to work-study and cooperative vocational education programs and supervise the nature and conduct of their employment, approve the transfer of pupils to out-of-district vocational education programs, and establish the number of credits to be awarded toward graduation for vocational education courses of study and for cooperative education programs.

Admission to vocational education programs will be open to regularly enrolled pupils who are qualified by their interest, motivation, and potential for achieving the goals of the program.

No pupil shall be denied admission or participation in such programs due to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability.

Pupils participating in part-time cooperative and work-study programs shall not be exploited, illegally employed, or employed under conditions that fail to safeguard their health and interest.

All pupils participating in vocational education programs supervised by this Board or in shared time programs are considered to be regularly enrolled in the schools of this district and are subject



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to the policies and rules of this Board, including rules regarding attendance, for those periods when they are not assigned to outside work projects or other classes.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations that ensure that all programs are operated in conformity with the current state plan for vocational education, that all teachers are properly certified for their specific teaching assignments, that vocational pupils and staff members are provided with a safety handbook, and that the vocational education of disadvantaged and disabled pupils is supplemented by suitable programs of remedial instruction.

The Superintendent shall seek and utilize all available state and federal and private sources of revenue for the financial support of vocational education in this district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.2; 18A:38-15; 18A:54-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6:43-1.1 et seq.

Cross reference: Policy Guide Nos. 7430, 7432, 7433

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